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CHANCERY HOUSE,

SHOREHAM-BY-SEA,

SUSSEX.

1st February, 1954.

Madam and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report as Medical Officer of Health for the year 1953 prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Ministry of Health.

During the past year 156 vessels, with a tonnage of 37,498 have arrived from foreign ports, and 1,560 coastwise vessels with a tonnage of 521,065 have entered the Port. These figures compare with 69 foreign arrivals (13,913), and 1,397 coastwise arrivals (462,486) for the previous year. The foreign arrivals show an increase of 87 vessels (23,585 tons), and coastwise arrivals show an increase of 163 vessels (58,579 tons), the combined totals showing an increase of 250 vessels (82,164 tons). Passenger vessels and fishing vessels are not included in these totals.

The following tables give details of the above arrivals:-

SECTION I - STAFF.

Mr. J.W. Thurman the Sanitary Inspector retired on the 30th September. Mr. P.M. Ennis who previously held the appointment of Assistant Sanitary Inspector was appointed to the position of Sanitary Inspector.

SECTION II

AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR.

Table B

Ships from	Number	Tonnage	Number inspected.		Number of vessels reported as having, or having had during the voyage, infectious disease on board.
			By the Medical Officer of Health	By the Sanitary Inspector	
Foreign Ports	156	37,498	2	119	0
Coastwise	1,560	521,065	6	155	0
Total	1,716	558,563	8	274	0

SECTION III.CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR.Table C.Passenger Traffic.

Passenger steamers have called at Brighton Pier from Coastwise ports during the summer months. A number of inspections were made and the steamers were well maintained.

Cargo Traffic.

The principal imports of foreign goods have been:-

71 cargoes of timber
25 cargoes of bricks
21 cargoes of coal
8 cargoes of fertilizer
5 cargoes of bog-ore

Coastwise cargoes have been principally:-

622 cargoes of coal
463 cargoes of oil
246 cargoes of shingle
50 cargoes of slag
46 cargoes of stone

In addition to the above cargoes, 68 cargoes of foodstuffs from the Irish Republic have been discharged into the port. These cargoes consisted of a wide variety of food both pre-packed and loose. The inspection of these cargoes has entailed considerable work on the part of the Inspectors to the Authority, and a great deal of their time has been devoted to this task. I would like to state here that the willing co-operation of the Officers of H.M. Customs, the representatives of the Shipping Agents and the Stevedores has greatly assisted the Inspectors to discharge their duties.

Exports during the year have been:-

66 cargoes of scrap iron
27 cargoes of cement
9 cargoes of chemicals
8 cargoes of coal tar
8 cargoes of general merchandise

Foreign ports from which vessels have arrived.

FRANCE: Dieppe, Bordeaux, Gravelines, Treport, Rouen, Honfleur, La Mailleraye, Le Havre, Caen, Nantes.

FINLAND: Kotka, Kasko, Vasa, Mentyluoto, Harmina, Veitsilnoto, Yxpila, Pernoviken, Jacobstadt, Helsinki.

SWEDEN: Hargshamn, Gefle, Stockholm, Otterbacken, Skoghall, Kalmar, Mariestad, Kristinham, Holmsund, Tunadel, Hudiksvall, Nordmaling, Norrtalje, Louholmen, Kopmanholmen, Nerrundet.

GERMANY: Hamburg.

POLAND: Danzig.

U.S.S.R: Archangel, Mezen.

BELGIUM: Ostend, Antwerp, Neil, Rumpst, Boom, Selzacte.

HOLLAND: Rotterdam, Gorkum, Delfzyl, Amsterdam.
 SPAIN: Cartagena.
 NORWAY: Arendal.
 MOROCCO: Casablanca.

The principal coastwise ports from which vessels have arrived, with the number of arrivals inset, are:-

Southampton	(548)	Amble	(39)
Goole	(350)	Fort Talbot	(26)
London	(149)	Porthoustock	(17)
Tyne Ports	(116)	Newlyn	(15)
Dublin	(64)	Sunderland	(14)
Blyth	(57)	Seaham	(13)
Middlesborough	(44)	Flexborough	(6)

SECTION IV.

INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC.

There is no barge traffic other than tankers plying within the Harbour.

SECTION V.

WATER SUPPLY.

No change.

SECTION VI.

PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS, 1952.

No Change.

SECTION VII.

SMALLPOX.

- (1) Arrangements have been made for the removal of smallpox cases to Long Reach Hospital, Dartford.
- (2) The transport of smallpox patients would be by ambulance provided by the Brighton Corporation.
- (3) The Consultant in respect of suspected cases of smallpox is Dr. W.S. Parker, Medical Officer of Health, Brighton.
- (4) The Public Health Laboratory in Brighton is available for the examination of specimens submitted for diagnosis.

SECTION VIII.

VENEREAL DISEASE.

No Change.

SECTION IX.

CASES OF NOTIFIABLE AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASE ON SHIPS.

There have been no cases of infectious disease landed from ships during the year, and no cases have been reported as occurring on vessels during the voyage and disposed of before arrival.

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SECTION X.

There have been no cases of malaria reported during the year.

SECTION XI.

No measures have been required to be taken against ships infected with or suspected for plague.

SECTION XII.

MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS.

(1) Inspections are made in respect of rat infestation during the routine inspections following arrival, and a more detailed inspection is made after the cargo has been discharged.

(2) Facilities are available for the bacteriological examination of rats by the Public Health Laboratory Service at Brighton.

No rodents have been sent for examination during the year.

(3) No facilities are available locally for deratisation by gassing, but the services of a trained Rodent Operator could be promptly obtained from a neighbouring Authority if required.

(4) No rat-proofing of ships from foreign ports has been required.

Table E.

No rat infestation has been found on ships from foreign ports.

Table F.

The Port is not on the list of ports approved by the Ministry of Health for the issue of Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates. An agreement has been made under which the Southampton Port Health Authority arrange for the employment of it's Officers in executing the provisions of the Regulations in the district of this Authority.

SECTION XIII.

INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES.

Table G.

Nature and number of inspections.		Notices served		Result of serving notices
		Statutory	Others	
British	50	0	0	-----
Other Nations	113	0	0	-----

A number of small items of disrepair and lack of cleanliness have been remedied immediately by referring the matter to the Captain or his Officers.

SECTION XIV.

PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELL-FISH) REGULATIONS 1934 and 1948.

No change.

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SECTION XV.

MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS.

No change.

SECTION XVI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

No change.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

ANTHONY PARTRIDGE.

Medical Officer of Health.

To: The Chairman and Members of the
New Shoreham Port Health Authority.

